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(54) Cleansing composition.

The invention provides a cleansing composition, which comprises in addition to water, (a) from 10 to 30.% by weight of one or more C₆ to C₁₆ acyl lactylates and (b) from 5 to 25% by weight of one or more co-surfactants, such as acyl taurates, isethionates, sarcosinates and sulphosuccinates. The cleansing compositions are primarily intended to be used as personal washing products, such as facial wash foams, bath foams and hair shampoos.





FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to cleansing compositions. In particular, the invention is concerned with very mild and high foaming cleansing compositions suitable for cleansing the skin and hair.

BACKGROUND TO THE INVENTION AND PRIOR ART

The most widely used anionic surfactants in cleansing compositions are alkyl sulphates, polyoxyethylene alkyl sulphates and alkyl benzene sulphonates. These compounds are known to have a good foaming and deterging power. Due to their harshness, however, they are not desirable as components for cleansing compositions topically applied to human skin and hair. Their damaging effect particularly where young, tender or damaged skin is involved, has been the subject of intense study for many years.

On the other hand milder surfactants often suffer from the draw-back that they do not provide high foam which is very important for the consumer. Therefore, there is a strong need for products which are not only very mild but also possess an excellent foaming power.

US-A-3,728,447 (C J Patterson) discloses hair shampoo compositions containing fatty acid lactylates or glycolates. While the cleaning action of shampoos based on the fatty acid lactylates is satisfactory the foam is minimal. In order to achieve higher foaming action it is described to include harsh detergents such as sodium lauryl sulphate or triethanolamine lauryl sulphate. When the lactylates are used in conjunction with such a booster detergent the quantity of the lactylates present in the composition is reduced down to about 1 to 2% by weight.

EP-A-224 796 (Kao) describes a detergent composition comprising (a) a phosphate surfactant and (b) an acyl lactylate having an acyl group containing 12 to 18 carbons atoms. The detergent composition is said to have excellent foaming characteristics as well as excellent detergency and mildness to the skin and hair. It is taught that these characteristics are only achievable if the acyl lactylate is used in an amount of not more than 5% by weight and preferably not more than 3% by weight of the composition.

US-A-4,761,279 (Eastman Kodak) describes shaving cream formulations comprising salts of acyl lactylates, saturated monoglycerides, propyleneglycol mono esters and humectants.

US-A-4,946,832 (RITA Corporation) describes cosmetic base compositions comprising 1 to 15% by weight sucrose fatty acid ester, 3 to 45% by weight acyl lactylate or its alkali metal salts and solvent. The compositions promote wound healing and reduces skin dryness. Foaming properties of the compositions are not reported.

Applicants in their search for mild cleansing compositions, in particular for cleansing human skin or hair, with the added attribute that full lather is produced, have unexpectedly discovered that a narrow range of acyl lactylates in combination with specific co-surfactants provide the desired effects when used in particular amounts. The compositions so obtained are capable of producing a superior lather and accordingly have great consumer appeal. Also, the compositions are so mild that they can safely be used for cleansing the skin and the hair and other more delicate skin areas.

DEFINITION OF THE INVENTION

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Accordingly, the invention provides a cleansing composition which comprises, in addition to water, (a) from 10 to 35% by weight of one or more acyl lactylate(s) of the following structure (1)

$$R^{1}CO = \begin{bmatrix} CH_{3}' & O \\ & | & | \\ O & -CH & -C & - \\ & & | & a \end{bmatrix}$$
 OM' (1)

where R^1CO represents a C_6 to C_{16} acyl radical; a is an integer from 1 to 3; M^1 represents hydrogen or a counterion chosen from alkali metal, ammonium or a substituted ammonium group having one or more C_1 to C_3 alkyl or hydroxy alkyl group(s); and

- (b) from 5 to 25% by weight of one or more co-surfactant (s) chosen from the following compounds (A) to (O):
 - (A) N-methyl-N-acyl taurates of the following structure (2)



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$$CH_3$$

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 $R^2CO \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow CH_2CH_2 \longrightarrow SO_3M^2$ (2)

where R2CO represents a C10 to C18 acyl group; and M2 is as M1 in structure (1);

(B) Acylisethionates of the following structure (3)

 $R^3CO-OCH_2CH_2-SO_3M^3$ (3

where R3CO represents a C10 to C18 acyl group; and M3 is as M1 in structure (1);

(C) Alkylesters of ω-sulphonated carboxylic acids of the following structure (4)

where R^4 represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group; M^4 is as M^1 in structure (1); and (b) is an integer from 1 to 3;

(D) Fatty acylamido polyoxyethylene sulphates of the following structure (5)

R5CO - NH - (CH2CH2O)_c - SO3M5 (5

where R^5CO represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; M^5 is as M^1 in structure (1); and c is an integer from 1 to 10;

(E) Fatty acid polyglyceride sulphates of the following structure (6)

R6CO — O — (CH₂ - CHOH - CH₂O)_d — SO₃M⁶

where R⁶CO represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; M^6 is as M^1 in structure (1); and d is an integer from 1 to 4:

(F) Mono substituted sulphosuccinates of the following structures (7a) or (7b)

$$SO_3X^7$$

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 $Z^7CO \longrightarrow CH \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow CO_2X^7$
(7a)

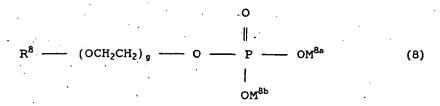
where Z⁷ is chosen from the following groups (i) to (iii):

- (i) $R^aCO NH (CH_2CH_2O)_e$ -, where R^aCO represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; and e is an integer from 1 to 10;
- (ii) Rb O (CH₂CH₂O)_f -, where Rb represents a C₁₀ to C₁₈ alkyl group; and f is an integer from 1 to 10:
- (iii) Rc O -, where Rc represents a C10 to C18 alkyl group; and

 X^7 and Y^7 are independently from each other chosen from the counterions represented by M¹ in structure (1);

(G) Mono substituted phosphates of the following structure (8)

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where R^{a} represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group; M^{aa} and M^{ab} are independently from each other chosen from the group of species represented by M^{1} in structure (1); and g is an integer from 0 to 3; (H) Alkyl poly(ethylene glycol) acetates of the following structure (9)

$$R^9 \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow (CH_2CH_2O)_h \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow OM^9$$
 (9)

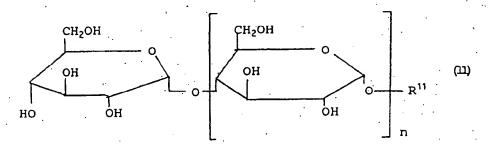
where R^0 represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group; M^0 is as M^1 in structure (1); and h is an integer from 1 to 10;

(I) Salts of N-acyl α-amino acids of the following structure (10)

$$Z^{10}$$
 Y^{10} O M^{10} CH

where $R^{10}CO$ represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; Z^{10} represents H or C_1 to C_2 alkyl; Y^{10} represents H, C_1 to C_3 alkyl or C_1 to C_3 alkyl substituted with a COOH group; and M^{10} is chosen from the counterions represented by M^1 in structure (1);

(K) Alkyl polyglucosides of the following structure (11)



where R11 represents a C10 to C14 alkyl group; and n is an integer from 1 to 3;

(L) Poly(oxyalkylene) fatty alkyl ether of the following structure (12)

$$R^{12} \cdot O \cdot (Z^{12}O)_{p} H$$
 (12)

where R^{12} represents a C_8 to C_{18} alkyl group; Z^{12} is a C_2 or C_3 alkylene group; and p is an integer from 1 to 10:

(M) N-substituted betaines of the following structure (13)

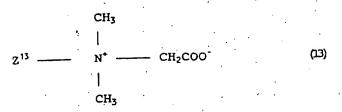
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where Z13 represents

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- (i) a C₁₀ to C₁₈ alkyl group; or
- (ii) a R¹³CO NH (CH₂)₃ group, where R¹³CO represents a C₁₀ to C₁₈ acyl group;
- (N) Sultaines of the following structure (14)

where Z^{14} represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group or a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl amido group; (O) Alkyl amphocarboxylates of the following structure (15)

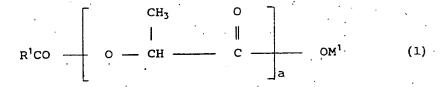
 Z^{15} | $R^{15}CO \longrightarrow NH \longrightarrow (CH_2)_2 \longrightarrow N^+ \longrightarrow (CH_2)_rCOOM^{15}$ | V^{15}

where R15CO represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; Z^{15} and Y^{15} are independently from each other chosen from H, CH_2CH_2OH or $(CH_2)_rCOO^-$; r is 1 or 2, and M^{15} is as M^1 in structure (1); the composition having a foam height of more than 130mm, as measured by the foam height test described herein.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

The Acyl lactylate

The composition according to the invention comprises from 10 to 35% by weight of one or more acyl lactylate(s) of the following structure (1)





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where RICO represents a C_6 to C_{16} acyl radical; a is an integer from 1 to 3; M¹ represents hydrogen or a counterion chosen from alkali metal, ammonium or substituted ammonium group having one or more C_1 to C_3 alkyl or hydroxy alkyl group(s).

Examples of acyl lactylates having the above structure (1) include:

Sodium lauroyl monolactylate

Sodium myristoyl monolactylate

Sodium decanoyl monolactylate

Potassium dodecanoyl monolactylate

Potassium dodecanovi dilactylaate

Sodium myristoyl dilactylate

Sodium lauroyl dilactylate

Lauroyl dilactylic acid

Palmitoyl dilactylic acid

Triethanolammonium dodecanoyl monolactylate

ammonium decanoyl monolactylate, and

Triethanolammonium decanoyl monolactylate.

·The preferred acyl group R¹CO is a C10 to C14 acyl group.

Preferred examples for M1 include sodium, potassium, ammonium and triethanolammonium.

The amount of the acyl lactylate present in the composition according to the invention is preferably from 15 to 30%, most preferred from 20 to 30% by weight of the composition.

The Co-surfactant

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The composition according to the invention further comprises one or more co-surfactant(s) in an amount from 5 to 25% by weight of the composition. The co-surfactant is chosen from the compounds (A) to (O) described hereinafter.

The preferred amount of the co-surfactant present in the composition is from 10 to 25% by weight.

The co-surfactants useful in the present invention are not only very mild but also result in high foaming compositions when combined with the acyl lactylate in the specified amounts.

The following compounds are suitable as co-surfactant in the cleansing composition according to the invention.

(A) N-methyl-N-acyl taurates, having the following structure (2)

$$CH_3$$

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 $R^2CO - N - CH_2CH_2 - SO_3M^2$ (2)

where R2CO represents a C10 to C18 acyl group; and M2 is as M1 in structure (1).

Preferred examples for taurates having the structure (2) include:

- Sodium N-methyl-N-cocoyl taurate, eg. available as Diapon K from Nippon Oil and Fats,
- Sodium N-methyl-N-lauroyl taurate, eg. available as Diapon LM from Nippon Oils and Fats,
- Sodium N-methyl-N-myristoyl taurate, eg. available as Nikkol MMT from Nikkol Chemicals.
- (B) Acylisethionates, having the structure (3);

$$R^3CO - OCH_2CH_2 - SO_3M^3$$
 (3)

where R3CO represents a C10 to C18 acyl group; and M3 is as M1 in structure (1).

The preferred example for an Acylisethionate having the structure (3) is sodium cocoyl isethionate, eq. available as Fenopon AC 78 from Rhone Poulenc.

(C) Alkylesters of ω-sulphonated carboxylic acids, having the structure (4);



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where R^4 represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group; M^4 is as M^1 in structure (1); and (b) is an integer from 1 to 3.

The preferred example for an Alkylester of a ω -sulphonated carboxylic acid having the structure (4) is sodium lauryl sulphoacetate, eg. available as Lathanol LAL from Stepan or as Nikkol LSA and Nikkol Chemicals.

(D) Fatty acylamido polyoxyethylene sulphates, having the structure (5);

$$R^5CO - NH - (CH_2CH_2O)_c - SO_3M^5$$
 (5)

where R⁵CO represents a C₁₀ to C₁₈ acyl group; M⁵ is as M¹ in structure (1), and c is an integer from 1 to 10.

The preferred example for a sulphate having the structure (5) is sodium cocoyl amide EO-3 sulphate, eg. available as Sunamide C-3 from Nippon Oils & Fats.

(E) Fatty acyl polyglyceride sulphates, having the structure (6);

$$R^6CO - O - (CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2O)_d - SO_3M^6$$
 (6)

where R^6CO represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; M^6 is as M^1 in structure (1); and d is an integer from 1 to 4;

A preferred example for a fatty acyl poly(glyceride) sulphate having the structure (6) is sodium cocoyl monoglyceride sulphate, available from Jan Dekker International.

(F) Mono substituted sulphosuccinates, having the structures (7a) or (7b);

$$SO_3X^7$$
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 $Z^7CO \longrightarrow CH \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow CO_2Y^7$ (A)

 SO_3X^7 | $Z^7CO - CH_2 - CH - CO_2Y^7$ (72)

where Z⁷ is chosen from the following groups (i) to (iii):

- (i) R^aCO NH $(CH_2CH_2O)_e$, where R^aCO represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; and e is an integer from 1 to 10;
- (ii) R^b O $(CH_2CH_2O)_f$ -, where R^b represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group; and f is an integer from 1 to 10:
- (iii) Rc O -, where Rc represents a C10 to C18 aklyl group; and

X⁷ and Y⁷ are independently from each other chosen from the counterions represented by M¹ in structure (1).

Preferred examples for mono substituted sulphosuccinates represented by the structures (7a) and (7b) include:

- Disodium lauroyl amido (EO)-2 to 3 sulphosuccinate eg. available as Beaulight A-5000 from Sanyo Chemicals
- a mixture of Disodium lauryl (PEG)-2 sulphosuccinate and Disodium myristyl (PEG)-2 sulphosuccinate, eg. available as Beaulight ESS from Sanyo Chemicals,
- Disodium lauryl (PEG)-2 to 3 sulphosuccinate, eg. available as Rewopol SBFA 30 from Rewo, and
- Disodium lauryl sulphosuccinate, eg. available as Beaulight SSS from Sanyo Chemicals.

The short form (EO)-2 to 3 denotes that, as an averaage value, 2 to 3 oxyethylene groups are present per molecule sulphosuccinate. On the other hand, the short form (PEG)-2 to 3 stands for the presence of a polyethylene glycol group derived from, as an average value, 2 to 3 ethylene glycol molecules per molecule sulphosuccinate.

(G) Mono substituted phosphates, having the structure (8),

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where R^8 represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group; M^{8a} and M^{8b} are independently from each other chosen from the group of species represented by M^1 in structure (1); and g is an integer from 0 to 3.

Preferred examples for Mono substituted phosphates having the structure (8) include:

- Monosodium monolauryl phosphate, eg. available as Phosten HLP from Nikkol Chemicals,
- Monosodium monolauryl (EO)-1 phosphate, eg. available as Phosten HLP-1 from Nikkol Chemicals,
 and
- Monosodium monolauryl (EO)-2 to 3 phosphate, eg. available as Phosphanol ML 220 from Toho
 Chemicals
- (H) Alkyl poly(ethylene glycol) acetate, having the structure (9),

$$R^{9} \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow (CH_{2}CH_{2}O)_{h} \longrightarrow CH_{2} \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow OM^{9}$$
 (9)

where R^9 represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group; M^9 is as M^1 in structure (1); and h is an integer from 1 to 10.

Preferred examples for Alkyl (PEG) acetates having the structure (9) include, Sodium Cocoyl PEG-10 acetate, eg. available as Marlinat CM 105 from Huls, and Sodium tridecyl (PEG)-3 acetate, eg. available as Beaulight ECA from Sanyo Chemicals.

(I) Salts of N-acyl α-amino acids, having the structure (10);

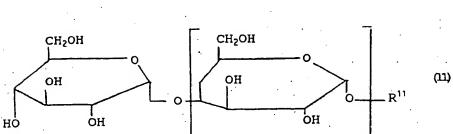
$$Z^{10}$$
 Y^{10} O \downarrow \parallel $R^{10}CO - N - CH - OM^{10}$ (10)

where $R^{10}CO$ represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; Z^{10} represents H or C_1 to C_2 alkyl; Y^{10} represents H, C_1 to C_3 alkyl or C_1 to C_3 alkyl substituted with a COOH group; and M^{10} is chosen from the counteriouns represented by M^1 in structure (1).

Preferred examples for salts of N-acyl α-amino acids having the structure (10) include:

- Sodium N-lauroyl glutamate, available as Amisoft, LS-11 from Ajinomoto Inc.,
- Sodium N-cocoyl glutamate, eg. available as Amisoft CS-11 from Ajinomoto Inc.,
- Triethanolammonium N-cocoyl sarcosinate, eg. available as Firet KT from Nippon Oil and Fats,
- Sodium N-decanoyl sarcosinate,
- Sodium N-lauroyl alaninate, eg. available as Alaninate LN-30 from Nikkol Chemicals,.
- Sodium N-cocoyl alaninate,
- Sodium N-cocoyl aspartate, and
- Sodium N-lauroyl aspartate.
- (K) Alkyl poly glucoside, having the structure (11);





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where R^{11} represents a C_{10} to C_{14} alkyl group; and n is an integer from 1 to 3. Preferred examples for Alkyl poly glucosides having the structure (11) include;

- Decyl poly glucoside (n = 1.44), eg. available as Oramix NS10 from Seppic, and
- C_9 C_{11} Alkyl poly glucoside (n = 1.4), eg. available as APG 300 from Henkel.
- (L) Poly(oxyalkylene) fatty alkyl ether, having the structure (12).

$$\overline{R^{12}}$$
 - O - $(Z^{12}O)_p$ H (12)

where R^{12} represents a C_8 to C_{18} alkyl group; Z^{12} is a C_2 or C_3 alkylene group; and p is an integer from 1 to 10.

Preferred examples for a poly(oxyalkylene)-fatty alkyl ether having the structure (12) are (PEG)-6 lauryl ether and (PEG)-6 myristyl ether. A mixture of (PEG)-6 C₁₂-C₁₅ is available as Dobanol 91-6 from Shell Chemicals.

(M) N-substituted Betaines, having the structure (13):

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where Z13 represents

- (i) a C₁₀ to C₁₈ alkyl group; or
- (ii) a $\mbox{R}^{13}\mbox{CO}$ NH (CH₂)3 group, where $\mbox{R}^{13}\mbox{CO}$ represents a C $_{10}$ to C $_{18}$ acyl group.

Preferred examples for N-substituted Betaines having the structure (13) include:

- Lauryl dimethyl betaine, eg. available as Empigen BB from Albright & Wilson, and
- Cocoamidopropyl betaine, eg. available as Tegobetaine L7F from Goldschmidt.
- (N) Sultaines, having the structure (14);

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where Z¹⁴ represents a C₁₀ to C₁₈ alkyl group or a C₁₀ to C₁₈ acyl amido group.

A preferred example for a Sultaine having the structure (14) is Cocoamidopropyl hydroxysultaine, eg. available as Cycloteric BET-CS from Alcolac.

(O) Alkylamphocarboxylates, having the structure (15);

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$$Z^{15}$$

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 $R^{15}CO \longrightarrow NH \longrightarrow (CH_2)_2 \longrightarrow N^+ \longrightarrow (CH_2)_cCOOM^{15}$

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 Y^{15}

where R¹⁵CO represents a C₁₀ to C₁₈ acyl group, Z¹⁵ and Y¹⁵ are independently from each other chosen from H, CH₂CH₂OH or (CH₂)_rCOO⁻; r is 1 or 2; and M¹⁵ is as M¹ in structure (1). Preferred examples for Alkylamphocarboxylates having the structure (15) include:

- Cocoamphoglycinate eg. available from GAF,
- Wheatgerm amphodiglycinate,
- Cocamphodipropionate, eg. available as Mirataine C2MS from Rhone Poulenc,
- Caprylamphodipropionate, eg. available as Miranol S2MSF from Rhone Poulenc,
- Cocoamphoacetate, eg. available as Nissan Anon GLM-R from Nippon Oils & Fats.

Water

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The cleansing composition according to the invention also comprises water. The water will normally be present in an amount of up to 85%, preferably from 10 to 85% by weight of the composition.

Optional Ingredients

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The cleansing composition according to the invention can also comprise optional ingredients to modify the physical or chemical characteristics of the composition, eg. product form, foaming properties, pH-value or shelf life

Examples for ingredients which can be included in the compositions according to the invention are:

Emollients, such as:

- [PEG]-20 Corn Glycerides,
- [PEG]-60 Corn Glycerides,
- [PEG]-20 Almond Glycerides,
- [PEG]-60 Almond Glycerides,
- [PEG]-12 Palm Kernel Glycerides,
- [PEG]-45 Palm Kernel Glycerides.
- [PEG]-20 Evening primrose Glycerides,
- [PEG]-60 Evening Primrose Glycerides,
- Ethoxylated (EO)-20 methyl glucoside, also referred to as Methyl gluceth-20
- Propoxylated (EO)-10 methyl glucoside.

A group of preferred emollients are poly (oxyalkylene) glycerides mono-substituted with a C₁₀ to C₁₈ alkyl group and having up to 20 C₂ to C₃ oxyalkylene moieties per molecule of the glyceride, as an average value.

Especially preferred emollients are Polyoxyalkylene methyl glucosides having, as an average value, up to 20 C₂ - C₃ oxyalkylene moieties per molecule glucoside. These emollients are very beneficial as they impart a soft feeling to the skin and support the ability of the skin to retain moisture. Examples for such Polyoxyalkylene methyl glucosides are available as Glucam E-20 and Glucam P10, respectively, from Amerchol.

Humectants, such as glycerine, sorbitol, sodium 2-pyrrolidone-5-carboxylate, soluble collagen, gelatine, ethoxylated (EO)-20 methyl glucoside, and propoxylated (EO)-10 methyl glucoside.

Preservatives, such as ethanol, benzoic acid, sodium benzoate, sorbic acid, alkali metal halides;

PH controlling agents, such as Sodium hydroxide, Citric acid, Triethanolamine, Potassium hydroxide, Amino Sorbitol. The pH controlling agents are preferably present in an amount sufficient to adjust the composition to a pH value in the range of 5.5 to 8.5.

Propellants, such as fluorochloro hydrocarbons, propane, butane, isobutane, dimethyl ether, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide;

Foam modifying agents, such as cationic polymers, especially quaternised ammonium hydroxy ethyl cellulose polymers, eg. available as polyquaternium-24 or polyquaternium-10. These polymers make the foam creamier and richer.







Further Optional Ingredients

The composition according to the invention can also contain other optional agents, that is ingredients other than the main ingredients already defined which are conventionally employed in cleansing compositions, such as thickeners.

USE OF THE COMPOSITION

The cleansing composition according to the invention is primarily intended as a personal washing product for cleansing the face. It can also be used for washing the hair as well as the whole body. The composition according to the invention is preferably used as facial cleanser, facial wash foam, hair shampoo, body shampoo, bath foam or shaving cream. Due to the high detergency provided by the composition it is also possible to use it in non-cosmetic applications, such as a household cleanser, carpet cleanser or detergent for tableware.

The following procedure is an example for the use of the cleansing composition according to the invention; a small quantity, for example from 1 to 5ml, of the composition is either rubbed between the hands, together with water together to form a foam which is then used for washing or applied via a sponge to the area to be cleansed, or the foam is generated directly on that area. The foam is subsequently rinsed away with clean water

The cleansing composition according to the invention can take the form of a liquid or gel, intended to be dispensed from a capped container such as a bottle, roll-on applicator or tube, or a pump-operated or propellant-driven aerosol dispenser. The composition can also take the form of a solid, such as a stick or a bar or tablet intended to be used for washing instead of a conventional soap bar.

Foaming Properties of the Composition

Although the composition according to the invention does not include harsh surfactants, as are found in conventional cleansing compositions, its foaming power is excellent. This is shown by the foam-heights measured by the Foam-Height Test described hereinafter.

Foam-Height Test

The test-method which has been used to assess the foaming power of the cleansing compositions according to the invention is the ASTM D 1173-53 test, also referred to as Ross-Miles test, and described in J Ross and G D Miles, American Society for Testing Materials, 1953, pages 644-646. The test has been caarried out at a temperature of 20°C by using an aqueous test solution of 0.3% by weight acyl lactylate and 0.1% by weight co-surfactant. This is a realistic concentration of the cleansing composition according to the invention when used by the consumer, eg. when topically applied on the face or body together with water to generate the desired foam. The pH value of the test solution has been adjusted to a pH of 7.5 by addition of aqueous sodium hydroxide solution.

The following Table I shows the foam heights obtained by using various cleansing compositions according to the invention. In any case the acyl laactylate was a mixture of 70% by weight sodium lauroyl lactylate and 30% by weight myristoyl lactylate. This mixture is available under the trade name Pationic 138C from RITA Patterson. The foam height measured for this mixture without added co-surfactant is quoted as experiment (27).



<u>Table I</u>

_		Co-surfactant	<u>Foam-height</u>	(mm)
•	(1) .	Sodium N-methyl-N-cocoyl taurate	193	
.*	· '(2)	Sodium N-methyl-N-lauroyl taurate	198	
		Sodium N-methyl-N-myristoyl taurate	193	
0	(4)	Triethanolammonium N-cocoyl sarcosi	nate 210	
	(5)	Sodium N-cocoyl glutamate	165.	
	(6)	Sodium cocoyl isethionate	185	•
5	(7)	Sodium mono lauryl phosphate	i 80	
	(8)	Sodium mono lauryl [EO]-1 phosphate	160	
	(9)	Sodium mono lauryl [EO]-2 to 3		
		phosphate	190	
0	(10)	Sodium cocoyl [PEG]-10 acetate	180	
	. (11)	Sodium tridecyl [PEG]-3 acetate	155	
	•		*	
5	C.	12) Sodium N-lauroyl alaninate	172	
		13) Sodium lauryl sulphoacetate	194	•
		14) Sodium cocoyl amido [EO]-3 sulph		• .
n	-	15) Disodium lauroyl amido [EO]-2 to	•	
,		sulphosuccinate	148	
	(:	16) Disodium lauryl sulphosuccinate	175	
		17) Disodium lauryl [PEG]-2 to 3		
5 · .		sulphosuccinate	170	
	. (:	18) Mixture of Disodium lauryl/myris	styl	
		[PEG]-2 sulphosuccinate	180	
,	(:	19) Sodium cocoyl mono glyceride sul	phate 158	
	(2	20) Decyl polyglucoside ($N* = 1.44$)	170	
	(2	21) C_9-C_{11} Alkyl polyglucoside (n* =	1.4) 172	
-	. (.2	22) [PEG]-6 C_{12} - C_{15} fatty alkyl ether	168	
	. (2	23) N-lauryl dimethyl betaine	180	
	(2	24) Cocoamidopropyl betaine	170	
	. (2	25) Cocoamphodipropionate	165	
)	.(2	26) Cocoamphoacetate	173	•
	(2	27) -	125	
	. n	- degree of polymerisation, cf. st	ructure (11)	

It can be seen from experiment (27) that all the co-surfactants used in experiments (1)-(26) enhance the foam height of the acyl lactylate mixture Pationic 138C to some degree. In particular, taurates having the structure (2), sarcosinates having the structure (10), sulphosuccinates having the structures (7a) or (7b) and ise-

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thionates having the structure (3) are capable of increasing the foam height drastically.

The components of the composition and their amounts are chosen in such a manner that the cleansing composition according to the invention has a foam height of more than 130mm, as measured by the foam height test carried out under the conditions described above.

Preferably the compositions according to the invention have a foam height of more than 150mm, more preferred more than 170mm and most preferred more than 190mm.

The superiority of the compositions according to the invention as compared to conventional products is shown by the foam heights stated in the following Table II for facial wash foams based on conventional surfactant systems. Again the Ross-Miles test under the above defined conditions was carried out to assess the respective foam heights. The test solutions were aqueous solutions containing the conventional product at a concentration of 1.0% by weight. The percentages given below for the ingredients of the surfactant systems are based on the weight of the respective product.

Table II

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	Surfactant-System .	Foam Height (mm)
(1)	14% cocoyl isethionate	99
(2)	37% mixture of C ₁₈ /C ₁₆ /C ₁₄ /C ₁₂ potassium soaps	76
(3)	36% mixture of C ₁₄ /C ₁₂ triethanolammonium soaps	. 52
(4)	19% Fatty acyl glutamate,	70
	2% Fatty acyl sarcosinate,	
	4% C ₁₄ /C ₁₂ potassium soap,	
(5)	10% nonionic surfactant,	114
	4% ether sulphate,	
	1.6% Fatty acyl sarcosinate	
(6)	30% C ₁₈ /C ₁₄ /C ₁₂ potassium soaps	54
. !	5% Sodium lauroyl glutamate	
(7)	10% Sodium lauryl ethersulphate	128
1 '	1	1

The above data clearly show that the compositions according to the invention give a much higher foam height than cleansing compositions based on conventional surfactant systems.

4% Cocamidopropyl betaine

Although the cleansing compositions according to the invention comprise high amounts of acyl lactylate, namely from 10 to 30% by weight an excellent foaming power is achieved, as is shown by the data in Table I. This is clearly in contrast to the teaching of the prior art as disclosed in EP-A-224 796 (Kao) that only amounts of less than 5% by weight of acyl lactylate should be included in surfactant systems to obtain mild and high foaming cleansing compositions.

The data given in Table III below show the greater foaming power obtainable by compositions embodying the present invention compared to the prior art described in EP-A-224796. Examples (i) to (viii) in table III contain the same lactylates in the same amounts as corresponding Examples 2 to 9 in Table 7-1 of EP-A-224796. In each of cases (i) to (viii) a 7:3 mixture of triethanolamine mono:di lauryl phosphate was present at a level of 15 wt%, triethanolamine was added to adjust the pH to 7.5 and demineralised water was used to 100 wt%. As shown in Table III in each case the lactylate content is less than 5wt% and the foam height, as measured by the Ross-Miles test described above, is less than 130mm.



Table III

	Lactylate present	Foam height (mm)
(i)	0.5wt% stearoyl lactylate	100
(ii)	2.0wt% stearoyl lactylate	100
(iii)	0.5wt% iso-stearoyl lactylate	. 105
(iv)	2.0wt% iso-stearoyl lactylate	100
(v)	0.5wt% lauroyl lactylate	105
(vi)	2.0wt% lauroyl lactylate	115
(vii)	0.5wt% myristoyl factylate	105
(viii)	2.0wt% myristol lactylate	109

In contrast Table IV below gives the foaming power of compositions embodying the present invention. The foaming power was measured by the Ross Miles test described above. In each case the solutions were adjusted to pH 7.5 by addition of 20% aqueous solution of NaOH and were made up to 100% with demineralised water.

Table IV

	Surfactant System	Foam Height (mm)
(ix)	17wt% 1:1 Sodium C ₁₀ :C ₁₂ lactylate	135
	2wt% Sodium N-myristoyl-N-methyl taurate	
(x)	10wt% 7:3 Sodium C ₁₂ :C ₁₄ lactylate	135
	5wt% Disodium lauryl/myristoyl sulphosuccinate	
(xi)	15wt% 7:3 Sodium C ₁₂ :C ₁₄ lactylate	160
	2wt% triethanolamine mono.di 7:3 lauryl phosphate	
(xii)	17wt% 7:3 Sodium C ₁₂ :C ₁₄ lactylate	150
	2wt% Decyl polyglucoside	
(xiii)	17wt% 7:3 Sodium C ₁₂ :C ₁₄ lactylate	150
	2wt% Sodium cocoyl isethionate	

As can be seen from Table IV each surfactant system embodying the present invention had a foam height above 130mm.

The superiority of the cleansing compositions according to the invention to conventional compositions comprising less than 10% by weight of acyl lactylate is demonstrated by the data given in the following Table V

The foam heights were again measured by the Ross-Miles Test conducted under the conditions as defined above.

All percentages given are based on the weight of the respective test solution. All test solutions were adjusted to a pH value of 7.5 by addition of aqueous NaOH solution.

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Table V

		Test Solutions	Foam Height (mm)
5	(A)	5% lauroyl dilactylic acid	112
		5% Triethanolammonium laury sulphate	-
		5% Coconut diethanolamide	•
10		to 100% demineralised water	
	(B)	75% lauroyl dilactylic acid	119
		5% Triethanolammonium laury sulphate	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
15		3% Coconut diethanolamide	
		to 100% demineralised water	
	(C)	9% lauroyl dilactylic acid	116
20:		1% Triethanolammonium laury sulphate	
		1% Coconut diethanolamide	
		to 100% demineralised water	
25	(D)	9% lauroyl dilactylic acid	104
		3% Triethanolammonium laury sulphate	•
		1% Coconut diethanolamide	
. 30		to 100% demineralised water	
٠.	(E)	10% Sodium lauroyl/myristol lactylate(Pationic 138 C)	141
		4% Sodium cocoyl isethionate	
35		1% Cocoampho carboxy glycinate	•
	-	to 100% demineralised water	
	(F) <u>·</u>	12% Sodium lauroyl/myristol lactylate (Pationic 138 C)	136
40		1.5% Sodium N-lauroyl sarcosinate	
		1.5% Sodium N-methyl-N-cocoyl taurate	*
		to 100% demineralised water	
45 ·	(G)	15% Sodium lauroyl/myristol lactylate (Pationic 138 C)	136
	·	2% Sodium laurylamide [EO]-3 sulphate	٠,
		to 100% demineralised water	

The above data show that, although the compositions according to the invention (E) to (G) are used in amounts of 10% by weight or more, they foam much better than the conventional compositions (A) to (D).

The following examples further illustrate the invention by giving conventionally prepared formulations for different types of cleansing compositions.



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EXAMPLES

Example 1 - Facial Cleanser

5 .	O.		wt %
		Potassium dodecanoyl monolactylate	15.00
•	`,	Potassium dodecanoyl dilactylate	15.00
10	•	Disodium lauryl sulphosuccinate	7.00
	•	Glycerol (Humectant)	5,00
		Sodium chloride (Thickener)	4.20
15 .		Methyl gluceth-20 (Humectant/Emollient)	3.00
		Polyquaternium 10 (Foam modifier)	0.40
		Ethyleneglycol monostearate (Thickener)	0.40
20		Preservative	0.30
	20	Fragrance	0.30
		Citric acid	to pH 7.0-7.5
25		Distilled water	to 100.00
		Foam height = 153 mm	

Example 2 - Mild Facial Cleanser

			ME 8
	Sodium myristoyl dilactylate		20.00
35	Sorbitol (Humectant)		9.00
	Sodium cocoyl isethionate	•	7.00
	Cocoamidopropyl hydroxysulphobetaine		4.00
40	Polyoxyethylene [EO]-20 sorbitan monolaurate (Thickener)		3.00
	Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (Thickener)	-	0.20
	Preservative		0.20
45	Fragrance		0.10
	Citric acid	to pH	6.0-6.5

Distilled water Foam height = 162mm to 100.00







Example 3 - Facial Cleanser for Dry Skin

	wt %
Sodium lauroyl dilactylate	25.00
Sodium monolauryl phosphate	10.00
Propylene glycol	10.00
Polyethyleneglycol (PEG)-150 distearate	5.00
Preservative	0.25
Fragrance	0.20
Citric acid	to pH 6.5-7.0
Distilled water	to 100.00
Foam height = 139 mm	

Example 4 - Mild Facial Cleanser for Sensitive Skin

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	wt %
Lauroyl dilactylic acid	, 20.0
Sodium N-methyl-N-myristol taurate	6.00
Cocoamphoacetate	3.50
Glycerol (Humectant)	9.00
Diglycerol (Humectant)	1.00
PEG-20 almond glycerides (Emollient)	5.00
Polyquaternium 24 (Thickener, Foam Modifier)	0.40
Sodium Hydroxide (aq. Soln.)	to pH 6.0-6.5
Distilled water	to 100.00
Foam height = 150 mm	a

Example 5 - Liquid Hand Soap

	wt &
Lauroyl dilactylic acid	7.50
Palmitoyl dilactylic acid	7.50
Triethanolammonium N-lauroyl glutamate	9.00
Cocoamidopropyl betaine	4.00
Propyleneglycol hydroxy isostearate (Thickener)	. 1.00
Trisodium citrate (Thickener)	7.00
Preservative	0.26
Fragrance	0.15





Triethanolamine
Distilled water
Foam height = 144mm

to pH 7.0-7.3 to 100.00

Example 6 - Anti-Acne Facial Cleansing Scrub Gel

	wt %
Sodium decanoyl monolactylate	18.00
Sodium N-cocoyl sarcosinate	6.00
Benzoyl peroxide (70% aq.soln.)	14.30
Polyoxyethylene (PEG)-20 cetyl ether (Thickener, Emulsifier)	10.00
Magnesium aluminium silicate (Thickener)	1.00
Disodium ethylenediamine tetraacetate (Chelating Agent)	0.20
Sodium hydroxide	to pH 7.0-7.5
Distilled water	to 100.00
Foam height = 135 mm	

Example 7 - Hair Shampoo

	wt %
Triethanolammonium dodecanoyl monolactylate	21.00
Sodium lauryl (PEG)-10 acetate	4.00
Cocoamphodipropionate	3.00
Propylene glycol (Humectant)	2.50
Sodium chloride (Thickener)	. 1.20
Preservative	0.20
Fragrance	0.20
Citric acid	to pH 6.0-6.5
Distilled water	to 100.00
Foam height = 158 mm	





Example 8 - Mild Hair Shampoo

		WL 8
5	Potassium myristoyl dilactylate	15.00
	Lauryl ethoxylated (EO)-2.5 phosphoric acid	8.00
•	Sodium pyrrolidone carboxylate (50% aq.soln.)	1.00
10	(Humectant)	
	Sodium chloride (Thickener)	3.00
	Fragrance	0.24
15	Preservative	0.10
•	Potassium hydroxide (aq.soln.) t	o pH 6.0-6.5
٠.٠	Distilled water t	0 100.00
20	Foam height = 141mm	

Example 9 - Conditioning Shampoo

	wt %
Potassium lauroyl monolactylate	11.00
Sodium lauroylamide polyoxyethylene (EO)-3 sulphate	4.50
Lauryldimethyl betaine	4.0
Potassium chloride (Thickener)	2.5
Dimethicone copolyol (Conditioning agent)	0.5
Preservative	0.1
Fragrance	0.1
Dye	0.0
Citric acid	to pH 6.5-7.
Distilled water	to 100.0
Foam height = 170 mm	







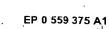
Example 10 - Antidandruff Shampoo

	wt %
Ammonium decanoyl monolactylate	14,00
Ammonium decanoyl dilactylate	4.00
Ammonium lauryl sulphoacetate	5.00
Zinc Pyrithione (48% aq.soln.) (Anti-fungal agent)	2.10
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose	1.25
Magnesium aluminium silicate (Thickener)	1.00
Preservative	0.36
Fragrance	0.20
Dye	0.03
Citric acid	to pH 7.0-7.3
Distilled water	to 100.00
Foam height = 150 mm	

Example 11 - Body Shampoo

	wt %	
Dodecanoyl dilactylic acid		13.00
Sodium N-cocoyl alaninate		4.00
Lauroamphoglycinaate .	·	4.00
(PEG)-80 sorbitan laurate (Thickener)		3.30
Disodium ethylenediamine tetraacetate		0.20
Preservative		0.10
Fragrance		0.05
Dye		0.01
Citric acid	to pH	7.0-7.5
Distilled water	· to	100.00
Foam height = 164 mm		

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	wt %
Triethanolammonium lauroyl monolactylate	7.50
Triethanolammonium myristol monolactylate	7.50
Disodium lauryl (PEG)-2.5 sulphosuccinate	10,00
Cocoamidoproyl betaine	5.00
Glycerol	5.00
Polyoxyethylene (PEG)-45 monostearate (Thickener)	2.00
Preservative	0.35
Fragrance	0.35
Citric acid	to pH 7.0-7.5
Distilled water	to 100.00
Foam height = 165 mm	

Example 13 - Liquid Body Shampoo

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30	Potassium decanoyl monolactylate	10.00
	Potassium decanoyl dilactylate	10.00
٠,	Decyl polyglucoside (n=1.44)	5.00
	Glycerol	5.00
35	Trisodium citrate dihydrate (Thickener)	1.50
	Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (Thickener)	1.00
	Citric acid	to pH 7.0-7.5
40	Distilled water	to 100.00

Foam height = 138mm







	wt %
Sodium decanoyl monolactylate	10.00
Sodium decanoyl dilactylate	10.00
Decyl polyglucoside (n=1.44)	5.50
Glycerol	. 2.00
Trisodium citrate dihydrate	1.50
Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose	1.00
Preservative	0.35
Fragrance	0.35
Citric acid	to pH 7.0-7.5
Distilled water	to 100.00
Foam height = 140 mm	-

95% by weight of the solution obtained by mixing the above ingredients was combined with 5% by weight propellant and then sealed into a container.

Example 15 - Bath Foam Concentrate ,

	wt %
Lauroyl monolactylic acid	15.00
Lauroyl dilactylic acid	10.00
Cocoamphopropionate	5.00
Sorbitol	9.00
Sodium chloride	6.00
Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (Thickener)	1.00
Preservative	0.30
Fragrance	0.60
Chamomile distillate (Anti-inflammatory agent)	. 1.00
Aminosorbitol	to pH 7.0-7.5
Distilled water	to 100.00
Foam height = 165 mm	

Example 16 - Mild Bath Foam

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-	Sodium myristoyl monolactylate	18.00
	Sodium myristoyl dilactylate	6.00
5	Sodium lauroyl monoglyceride sulphate	5.00
	Cocoamidopropyl hydroxysulphobetaine	4.00
	Preservative	0.20
	Fragrance	1.00
10	Citric acid	to pH 7.2-7.7
	Distilled water	to 100.00
	Foam height = 149mm	

Example 17 - Conditioning Bubble Bath

	*	wt %
20 .	Triethanolammonium decanoyl monolactylate	20.00
•	Cocoamphodiacetate	5.00
	Polyoxyethylene (PEG)-20 cetyl ether	4.00
25	Polyoxyethylene (PEG)-50 stearyl ether	4.00
	Lauryl methyl gluceth-10 hydroxypropyl diammonium chloride (Conditioner)	0.50
	Polyquaternium 24 (Thickener)	0.40
30	Citric acid	to pH 7.0-7.5
•	Distilled water	to 100.00
	Foam height = 151 mm	





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Example 18 - Cleansing Bar

	· w	t %
Sodium lauroyl dilactylate		20.00
Sodium myristol dilactylate		15.00
Sodium N-cocoyl glutamate		15.00
Sodium N-stearoyl aspartate		10.00
Glycerol	· .	8.00
Diglycerol		8.00
Preservative		0.30
Fragrance		0.60
Pigment		0.10
Distilled water.		to 100.00%
Foam height = 175mm		

25 Example 19 - Facial Wash Foam

	wt %
Sodium lauroyl lactylate	14.00
Sodium myristol lactylate	6.00
Sodium lauryl ethoxy phosphate	6.00
Disodium lauroyl amido ethoxy sulphosuccinate	2.00
Disodium wheatgerm amido PEG-2 sulphosuccinate	2.00
Polyquaternium-24	0.40
Glycerol (humectant)	10.00
(PEGS)-12 palm kernel glycerides (emollient)	5.00
Sodium hydroxyde solution	to pH 6.8-7.0
Distilled water	to 100.00%
Foam height = 190 mm	

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Example 20 - Facial Wash Foam

	wt %	
Sodium lauroyl lactylate	1	4.00
Sodium myristol lactylate		6.00
Sodium cocoyl isethionate	- 1	6.00
Wheatgerm amphodiacetate		2.00
Cocoamphocarboxy glycinate		2.00
Polyquaternium-24		0.40
Glycerol (humectant)		0.00
(PEG)-40 almond glycerides (emollient)	.	5.00
Sodium hydroxide solution	to pH 6.8	-7.0
Distilled water	to 100.0	00%
Foam height = 180 mm	·	

5 Example 21 - Facial wash foam

		WC 8
	Sodium lauroyl lactylate	14.00
30 .	Sodium myristoyl lactylate	6.00
	Sodium cocoyl isethionate	. 6.75°
	Monolauryl phosphoric acid	2.40
35	Dilauryl phosphoric acid	0.60
	Triethanolammonium N-cocoyl sarcosinate	. 1.00
	Glycerol	10.00

Polyquaternium 10 0.40
Sodium hydroxide solution to pH 6.8-7.0
Distilled water to 100.00%
Foam height = 185mm







Example 22 - Facial wash foam

	. wt %
Sodium lauroyl lactylate	. 14.00
Sodium myristol lactylate	. 6.00
Sodium cocoyl isethionate	6.00
Sodium N-methyl-N-cocoyl taurate	3.00
Sodium N-cocoyl sarcosinate	. 1.00
Glycerol	10.00
Polyquaternium 10	0.40
Sodium hyroxide solution	to pH 6.8-7.0
Distilled water	to 100.00%
Foam height = 190 mm	

Claims

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1. A cleansing composition which comprises, in addition to water,

(a) from 10 to 35% by weight of one or more acyl lactylate (s) of the following structure (1)

where R^1CO represents a C_6 to C_{16} acyl radical; a is an integer from 1 to 3; M^1 represents hydrogen or a counterion chosen from alkali metal, ammonium or a substituted ammonium group having one or more C_1 to C_3 alkyl or hydroxy alkyl group(s); and

(b) from 5 to 25% by weight of one or more co-surfactant(s) chosen from the following compounds (A) to (O):

(A) N-methyl-N-acyl taurates of the following structure (2)

$$CH_3$$
 | $R^2CO - N - CH_2CH_2 - SO_3M^2$ (2)

where R2CO represents a C10 to C18 acyl group; and M2 is as M1 in structure (1);

(B) Acylisethionates of the following structure (3)

 $R^3CO_-OCH_2CH_2-SO_3M^3$ (3

where R3CO represents a C₁₀ to C₁₈ acyl group; and M3 is as M1 in structure (1);

(C) Alkylesters of ω -sulphonated carboxylic acids of the following structure (4)





where R^4 represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group; M^4 is as M^1 in structure (1); and (b) is an integer from 1 to 3;

(D) Fatty acylamido polyoxyethylene sulphates of the following structure (5)

R5CO - NH - (CH2CH2O) - SO3M5

where R^5CO represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; M^5 is as M^1 in structure (1); and c is an integer from 1 to 10:

(E) Fatty acid polyglyceride sulphates of the following structure (6)

 $R^6CO - O - (CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2O)_d - SO_3M^6$ (6)

where R^6CO represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; M^6 is as M^1 in structure (1); and d is an integer from 1 to 4;

(F) Mono substituted sulphosuccinates of the following structures (7a) or (7b)

$$SO_3X^7$$
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 Z^7CO —— CH —— CH_2 —— CO_2Y^7 (24)

$$SO_3X^7$$

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 $Z^7CO \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow CH \longrightarrow CO_2Y^7$

(A)

where Z⁷ is chosen from the following groups (i) to (iii):

- (i) R^aCO NH (CH₂CH₂O)_e -, where R^aCO represents a C₁₀ to C₁₈ acyl group; and e is an integer from 1 to 10;
- (ii) R^b O (CH₂CH₂O)_f -, where R^b represents a C₁₀ to C₁₈ alkyl group; and f is an integer from 1 to 10:
- (iii) R^c O -, where R^c represents a C_{10} to C_{18} aklyl group; and

 X^7 and Y^7 are independently from each other chosen from the counterions represented by M^1 in structure (1);

(G) Mono substituted phosphates of the following structure (8)

$$R^{8}$$
 — $(OCH_{2}CH_{2})_{g}$ — O — P — OM^{8a} (8

where R^8 represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group; M^{8a} and M^{8b} are independently from each other chosen from the group of species represented by M^1 in structure (1); and g is an integer from 0 to 3.

(H) Alkyl poly(ethylene glycol) acetates of the following structure (9)

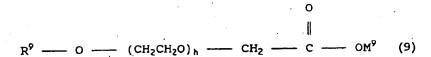
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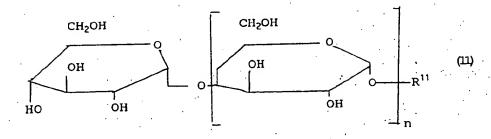
where R^9 represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group; M^9 is as M^1 in structure (1); and \acute{h} is an integer from 1 to 10;

(I) Salts of N-acyl a-amino acids of the following structure (10)

$$Z^{10}$$
 Y^{10} O $|$ | $|$ $R^{10}CO$ — N — CH — C — OM^{10} (10)

where R¹⁰CO represents a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl group; Z^{10} represents H or C_1 to C_2 alkyl; Y¹⁰ represents H, C_1 to C_3 alkyl or C_1 to C_3 alkyl substituted with a COOH group; and M¹⁰ is chosen from the counterions represented by M¹ in structure (1);

(K) Alkyl polyglucosides of the following structure (11)



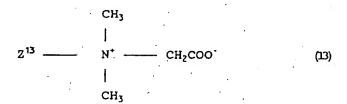
where R11 represents a C10 to C14 alkyl group; and n is an integer from 1 to 3;

(L) Poly(oxyalkylene) fatty alkyl ether of the following structure (12)

$$R^{12} - O - (Z^{12}O)_{b} H$$
 (12)

where R^{12} represents a C_{δ} to $C_{1\delta}$ alkyl group; Z^{12} is a C_2 or C_3 alkylene group; and p is an integer from 1 to 10;

(M) N-substituted betaines of the following structure (13)



where Z13 represents

- (i) a C₁₀ to C₁₈ alkyl group; or
- (ii) a R¹³CO NH (CH₂)₃ group, where R¹³CO represents a C₁₀ to C₁₈ acyl group;
- (N) Sultaines of the following structure (14)

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$$Z^{14} \longrightarrow N^{+} \longrightarrow CH_{2} \longrightarrow CH_{2} \longrightarrow CH_{2} \longrightarrow SO_{3}$$
 (24)

where Z^{14} represents a C_{10} to C_{18} alkyl group or a C_{10} to C_{18} acyl amido group; (O) Alkyl amphocarboxylates of the following structure (15)

$$Z^{15}$$

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 $R^{15}CO \longrightarrow NH \longrightarrow (CH_2)_2 \longrightarrow N^+ \longrightarrow (CH_2)_rCOOM^{15}$

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 V^{15}

where R15CO represents a C₁₀ to C₁₈ acyl group; Z¹⁵ and Y¹⁵ are independently from each other chosen from H, CH₂CH₂OH or (CH₂),COO⁻; r is 1 or 2; and M¹⁵ is as M¹ in structure (1); the composition having a foam height of more than 130mm, as measured by the foam height test described herein.

- 2. A composition according to claim 1, which has a foam height of more than 150mm.
- 3. A composition according to claim 1, which has a foam height of more than 170mm.

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- 4. A composition according to claim 1, which has a foam height of more than 190mm.
- 5. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4, in which the acyl group R¹CO in structure (1) represents a C₁₀ to C₁₄ acyl radical.
- 6. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5, in which the acyl lactylate is present in an amount from 15 to 30% by weight.
- A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 6, in which the co-surfactant is present in an amount of 10 to 15% by weight.
 - 8. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 7, which comprises a quaternised ammonium hydroxy ethyl cellulose polymer.
- 9. Use of a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8 as a skin or hair cleansing composition.







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